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Sir:

This paper is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination and constitutes a submission under Rule 114. A final Office Action dated July 6, 2006 had been pending. A petition for a 1 month extension of time is enclosed herewith. This paper is set forth as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this paper.